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LOCAL RULE AMENDMENTS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2019

The United States District Court, District of Minnesota has approved amendments to Local Rules 12.1 and 83.11. On September 23, 2019, the Court issued for public comment proposed amendments to LR 12.1 and LR 83.11. After reviewing the public comments and the recommendations of the Federal Practice Committee, chaired by Steve Wells, the Court approved the amendments to take effect on December 1, 2019. A summary of the amendments is provided below. To view the amendments in redline and final form, please visit the court's website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov.

LR 12.1, Criminal Discovery and Pretrial Motions

The amendments to LR 12.1 are conforming amendments to new Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.1, which takes effect on December 1, 2019. The amendments add section (a)(1) to require that the parties confer regarding discovery disclosures no later than 14 days after the arraignment. The amendments also change the title of section (b) to differentiate the Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.1 confer requirement regarding discovery disclosures from the existing confer requirement regarding the filing of pretrial motions under LR 12.1.

LR 83.11, Court Administration

The amendments to LR 83.11 provide that the clerk will post the office hours and any office closures on the court's website rather than specifying the office hours in the local rule.